



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner: Haliyur, Venkatesh N.

In Re: Erol Basturk  
Case: P4522  
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Filed: 02/20/2002  
Subject: Method and Apparatus for Bond Management According to Hierarchy

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

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